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# AREA 88

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BIWEEKLY

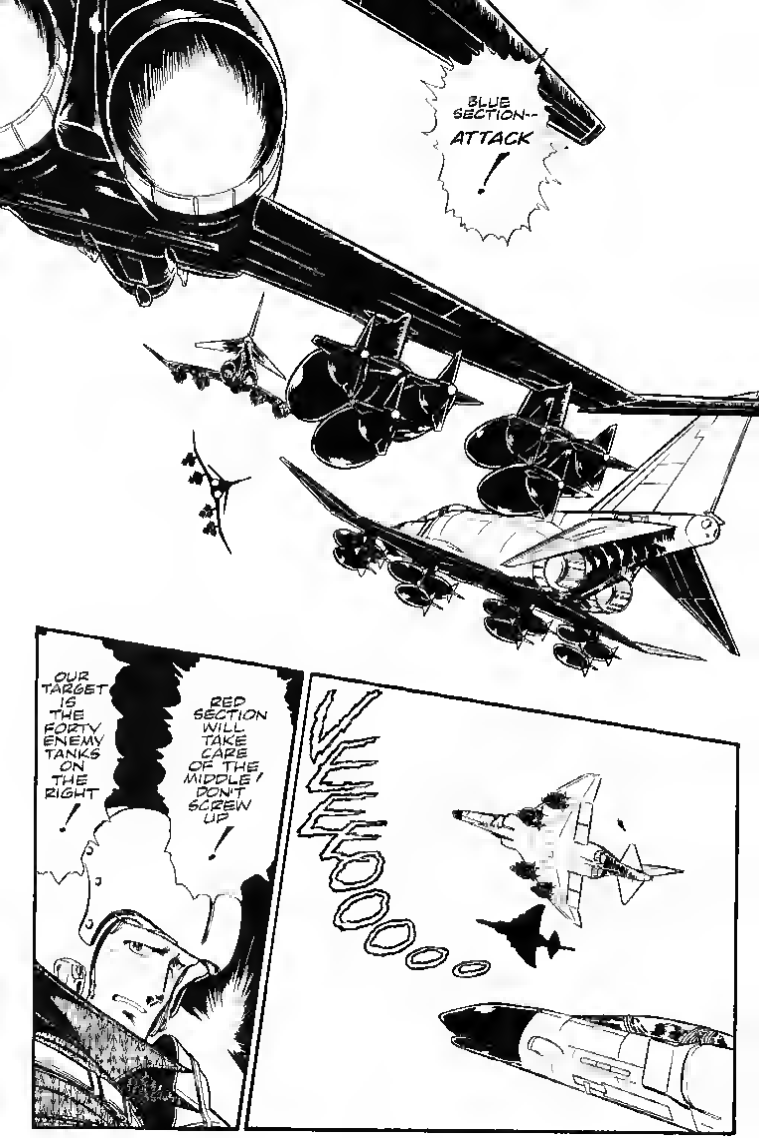
24

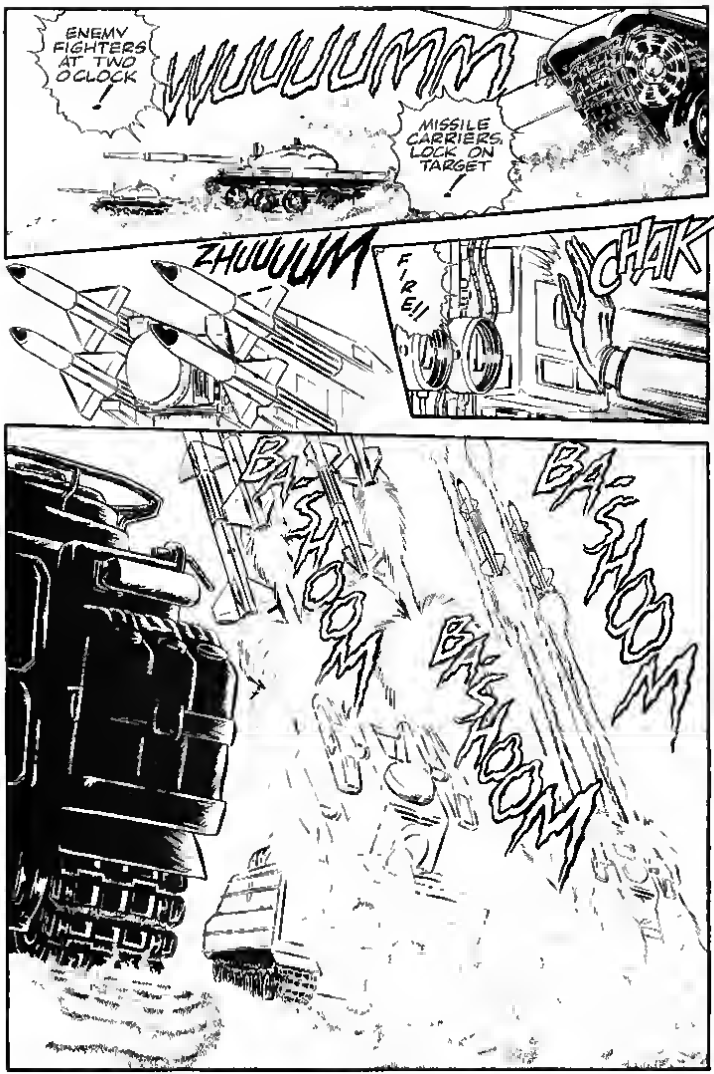
Crazy Charlie
Is Back at Area 88
With A Mission
No One Could
Ever Imagine.
And Charlie
Always Succeeds...

VIZ COMICS

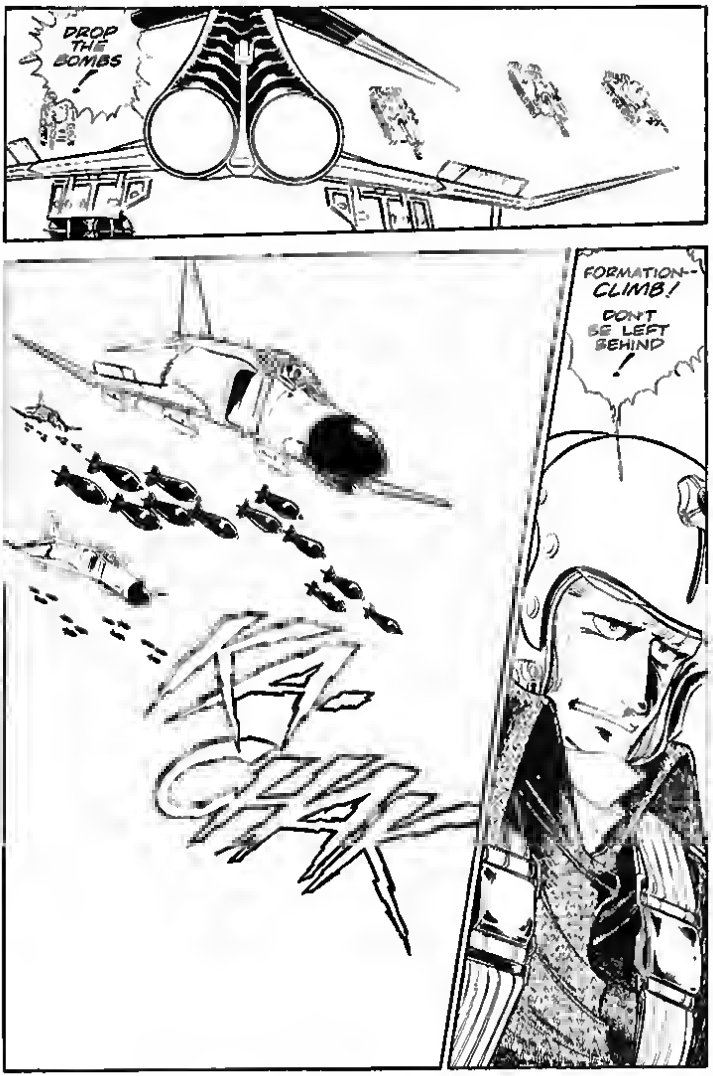
# MISSION 24:

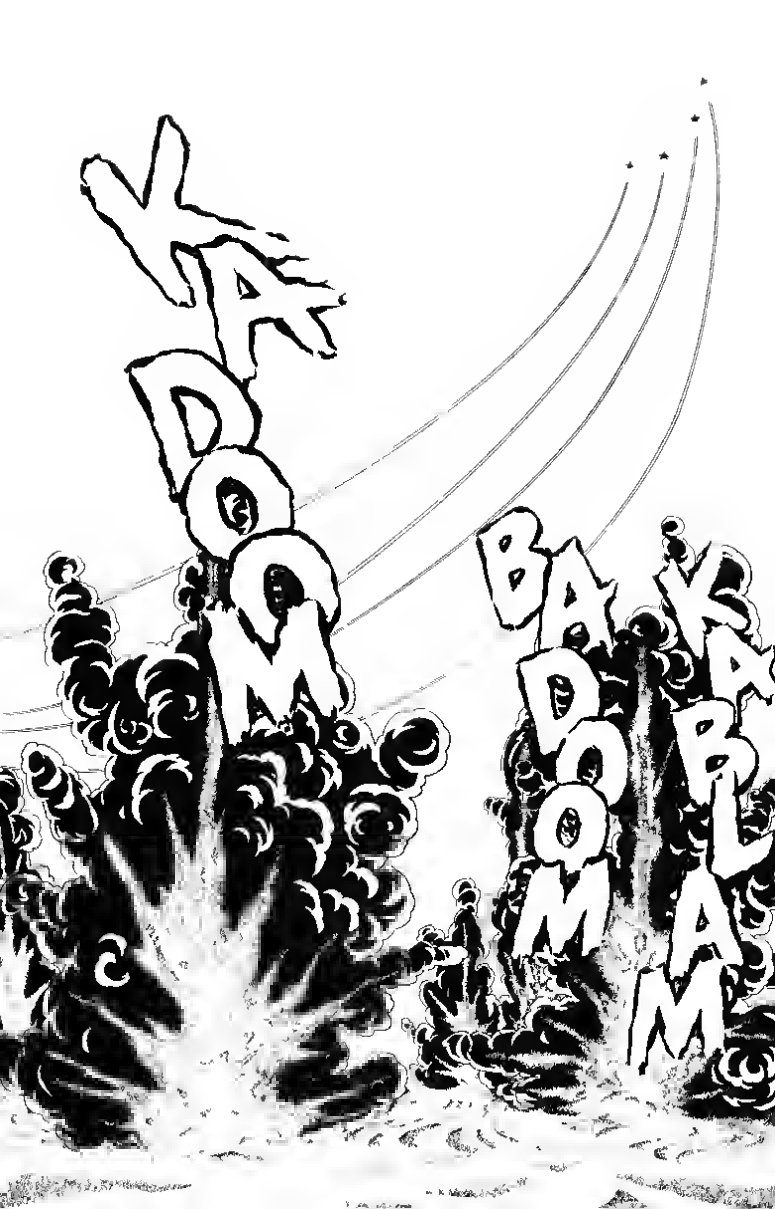
# LIKE A PHOENIX

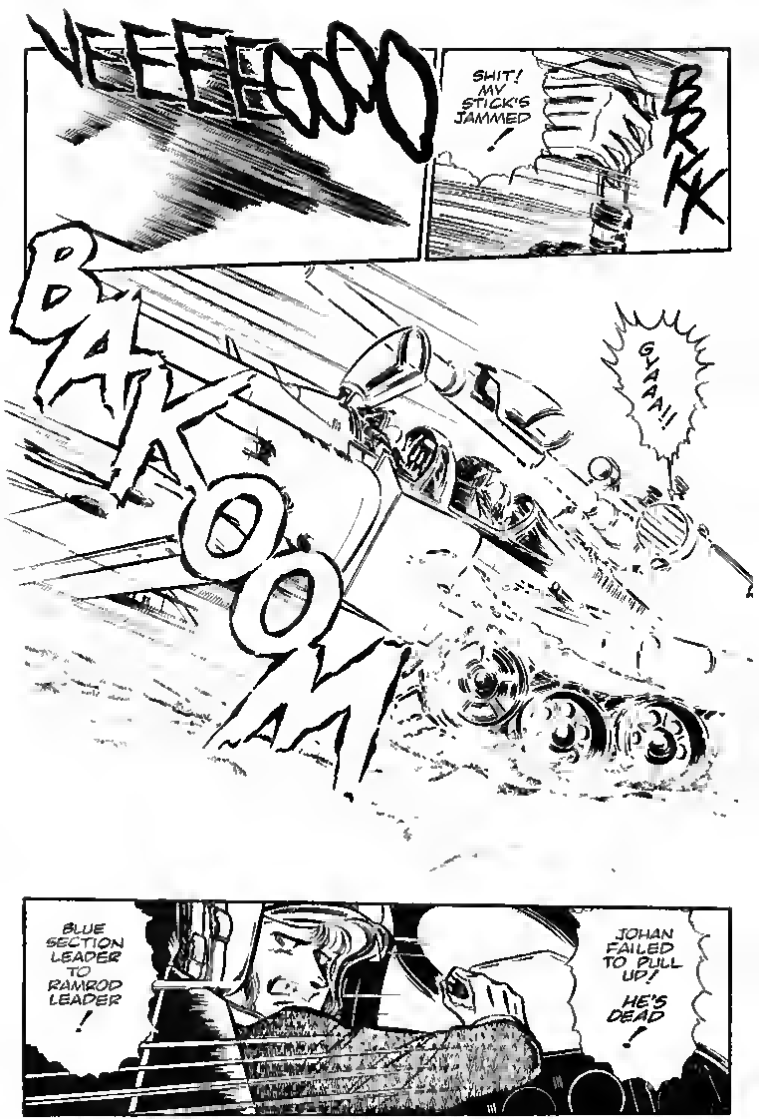

BLUE SECTION-- ATTACK!
OUR TARGET IS THE FORTY ENEMY TANKS ON THE RIGHT!
RED SECTION WILL TAKE CARE OF THE MIDDLE! DON'T SCREW UP!
VEEEOOOO


ENEMY FIGHTERS AT TWO O'CLOCK!
WUUUUMM
MISSILE CARRIERS, LOCK ON TARGET!
ZHUUUUM
FIRE!!
CHAK
BA-SHOOM
BA-SHOOM
BA-SHOOM

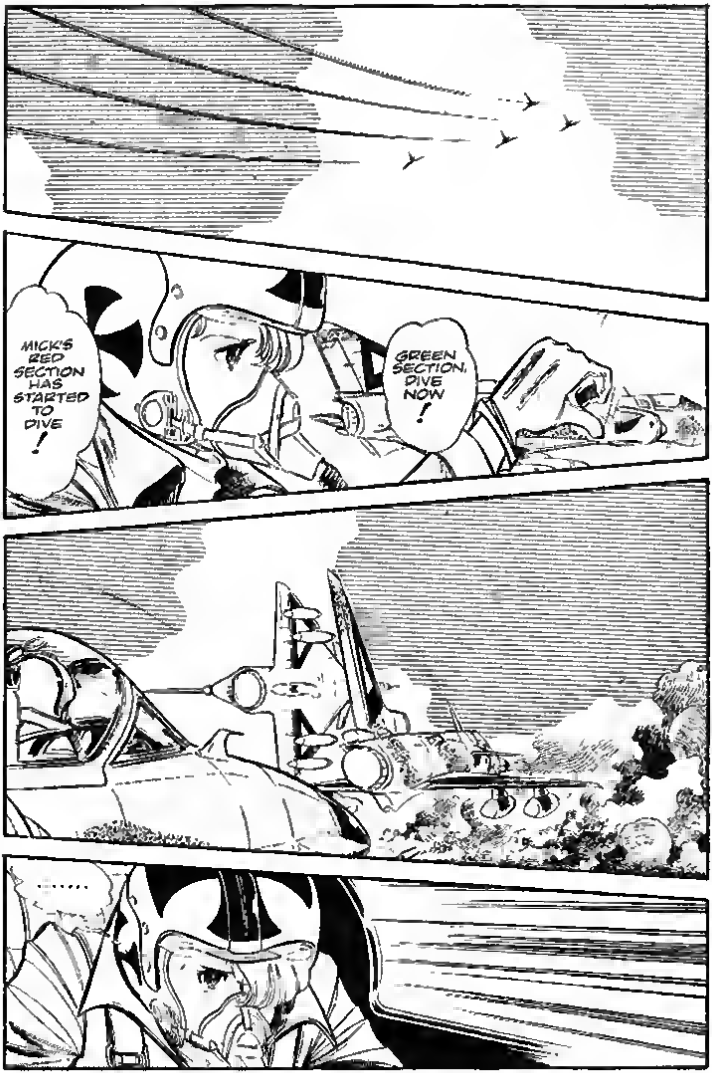
DAMN!
INCOMING! MAKE VERTICAL DESCENT AND PULL UP AT ONE!
ROGER!
ROGER!


DROP THE BOMBS!
FORMATION-- CLIMB!
DON'T BE LEFT BEHIND!
AA-GUN


KA-DOOM
BA-DOOM
KA-BLAM


VEEEOOO
SHIT! MY STICK'S JAMMED!
BRRK
BA-KA-OOM!
GIAAA!!
BLUE SECTION LEADER TO RAMROD LEADER!
JOHAN FAILED TO PULL UP! HE'S DEAD!

BLUE SECTION WILL NOW SPREAD OUT AND ATTACK THE ENEMY FIGHTERS!
THIS IS RAMROD LEADER! ACKNOWLEDGED!
WHAT A STUPID JERK! HE HAD TO BUY IT, JUST WHEN WE NEEDED EVERY MAN WE COULD GET!
BLUE SECTION LEADER TO BLUE SECTION!
WE'LL CLIMB TO ANGELS THIRTY!
THIS IS RED SECTION! MORE THAN HALF OF THE ENEMY TANKS ON THE RIGHT SIDE WERE DESTROYED!
NEXT WE'LL ATTACK THE MIDDLE!
SHRRRRR
NO!!


MICK'S RED SECTION HAS STARTED TO DIVE!
GREEN SECTION, DIVE NOW!
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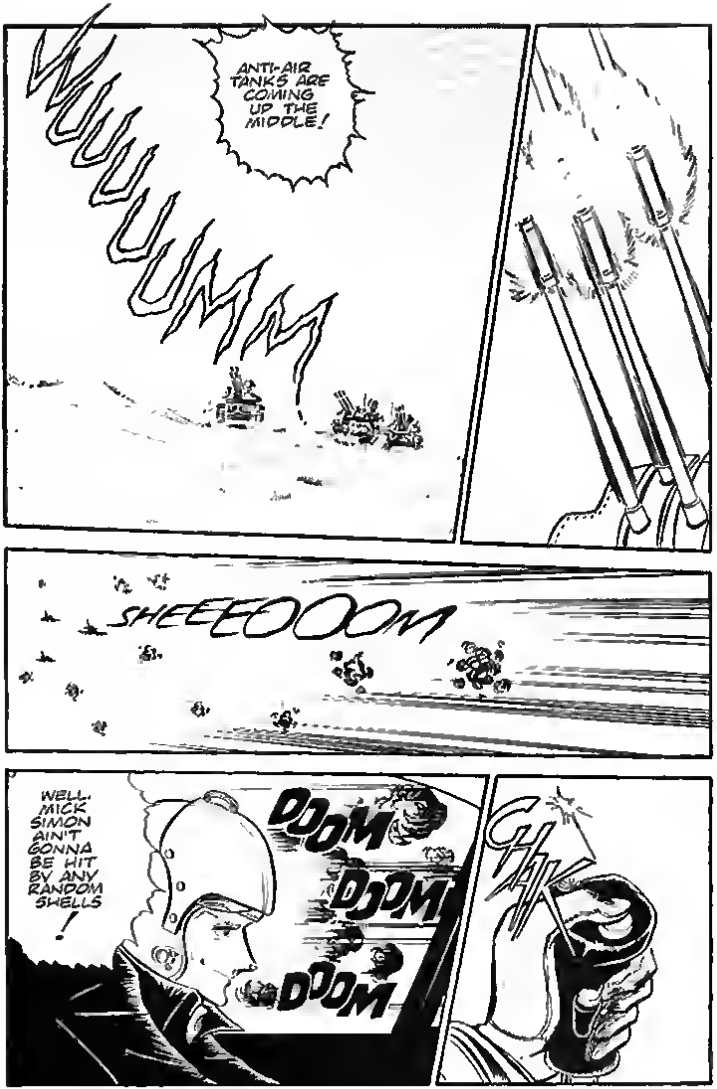
ANTI-AIR TANKS ARE COMING UP THE MIDDLE!
WUUUUMM
SHEEEOOOM
WELL, MICK SIMON AIN'T GONNA BE HIT BY ANY RANDOM SHELLS!
DOOM
DOOM
DOOM
CHK

KA-BOOM
KA-BOOM
KA-BOOM
FFSSSHHAA
UWAAAH!!

BAKOOM
BURKE!!

NO!
FIRE
BOOST PUMP ON FIRE! PRIMARY HYDRAULICS OUT!
BEEEP
BEEEP
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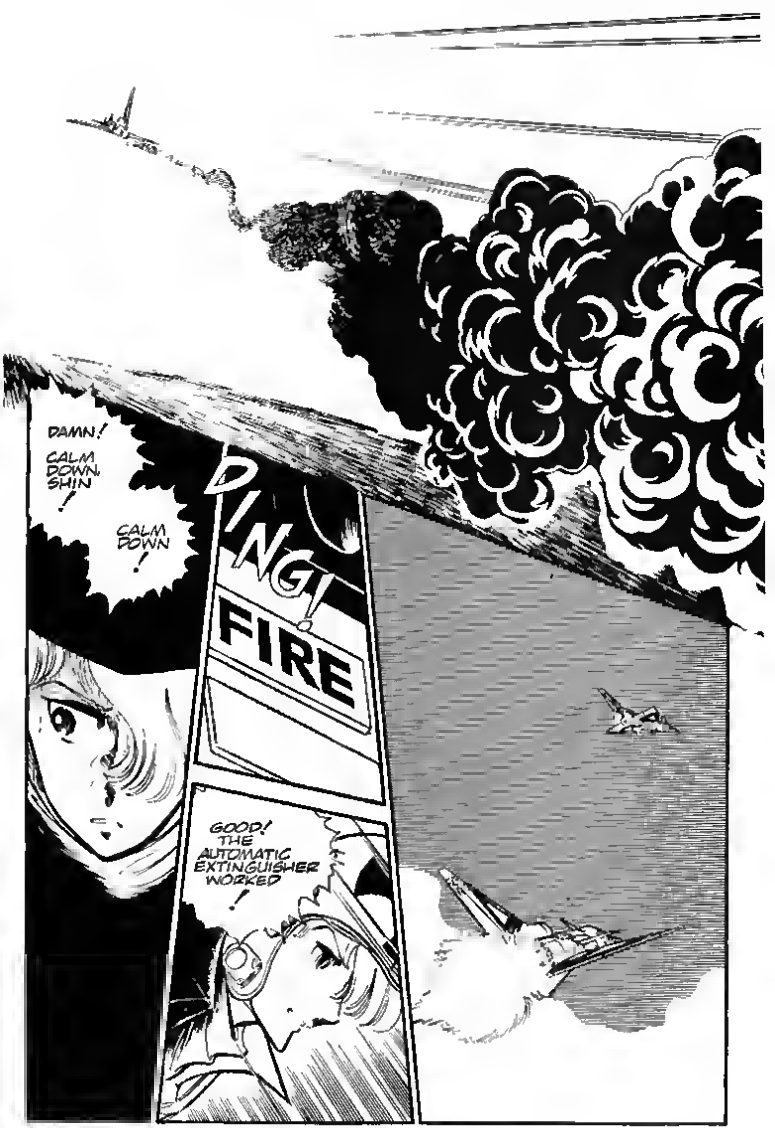
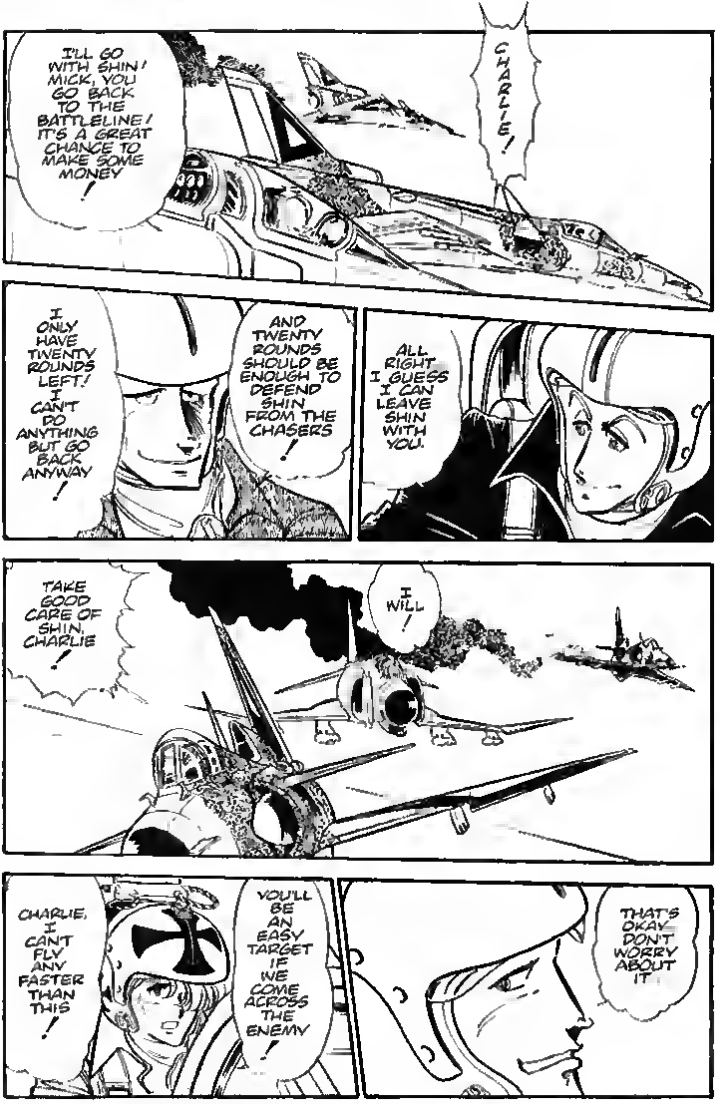
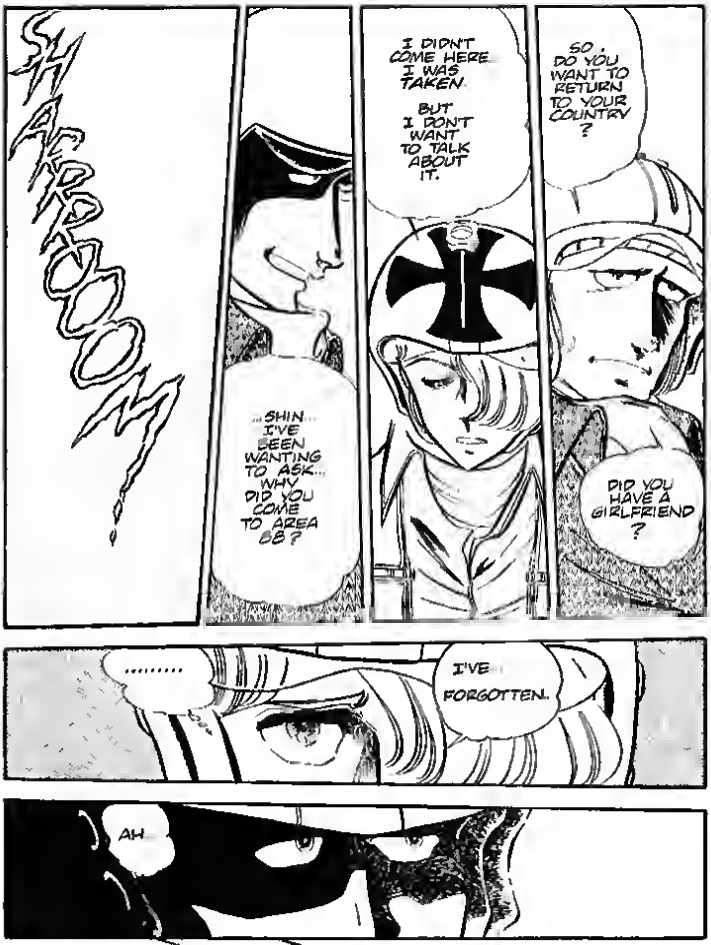
THE AUTOMATIC FIRE EXTINGUISHER HAS STARTED WORKING!
POWER SYSTEMS ARE ALL RED! DAMN IT!


DAMN!
CALM DOWN, SHIN!
CALM DOWN!
DING!
FIRE
GOOD! THE AUTOMATIC EXTINGUISHER WORKED!

SHIN, ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?!
MICK, PLEASE CHECK MY TAIL TELL ME WHAT THE DAMAGE LOOKS LIKE!
IT WASN'T A DIRECT HIT, BUT THE AFTERBURNER MIGHT HAVE BEEN SHEARED AWAY!
THE TAIL NOZZLES MELTED DOWN!
DAMN! THEN IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO FLY FASTER THAN CRUISING SPEED!
THIS IS RED SECTION LEADER, MCKINLEY. YOU BE THE NEW LEADER!
I'LL TAKE SHIN BACK TO BASE!
DON'T DO THAT, MICK! I CAN MAKE IT ON MY OWN!
THIS ISN'T THE TIME FOR FALSE BRAVADO! YOU'D BE SHOT DOWN BY CHASERS BEFORE YOU GOT HALFWAY!


I'LL GO WITH SHIN! MICK, YOU GO BACK TO THE BATTLELINE! IT'S A GREAT CHANCE TO MAKE SOME MONEY!
CHARLIE!
I ONLY HAVE TWENTY ROUNDS LEFT! I CAN'T DO ANYTHING BUT GO BACK ANYWAY!
AND TWENTY ROUNDS SHOULD BE ENOUGH TO DEFEND SHIN FROM THE CHASERS!
ALL RIGHT I GUESS I CAN LEAVE SHIN WITH YOU.
TAKE GOOD CARE OF SHIN, CHARLIE!
I WILL!
CHARLIE, I CAN'T FLY ANY FASTER THAN THIS!
YOU'LL BE AN EASY TARGET IF WE COME ACROSS THE ENEMY!
THAT'S OKAY... DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.


SHAKOOM!
...SHIN... I'VE BEEN WANTING TO ASK... WHY DID YOU COME TO AREA 88?
I DIDN'T COME HERE I WAS TAKEN.
BUT I DON'T WANT TO TALK ABOUT IT.
SO, DO YOU WANT TO RETURN TO YOUR COUNTRY?
DID YOU HAVE A GIRLFRIEND?
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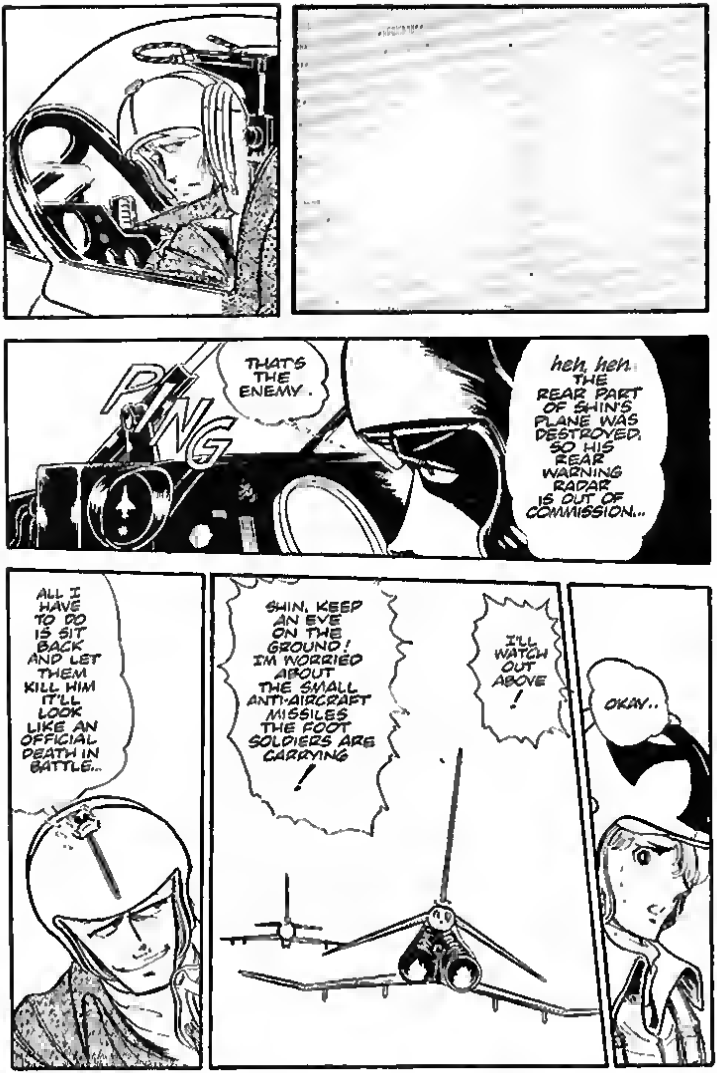
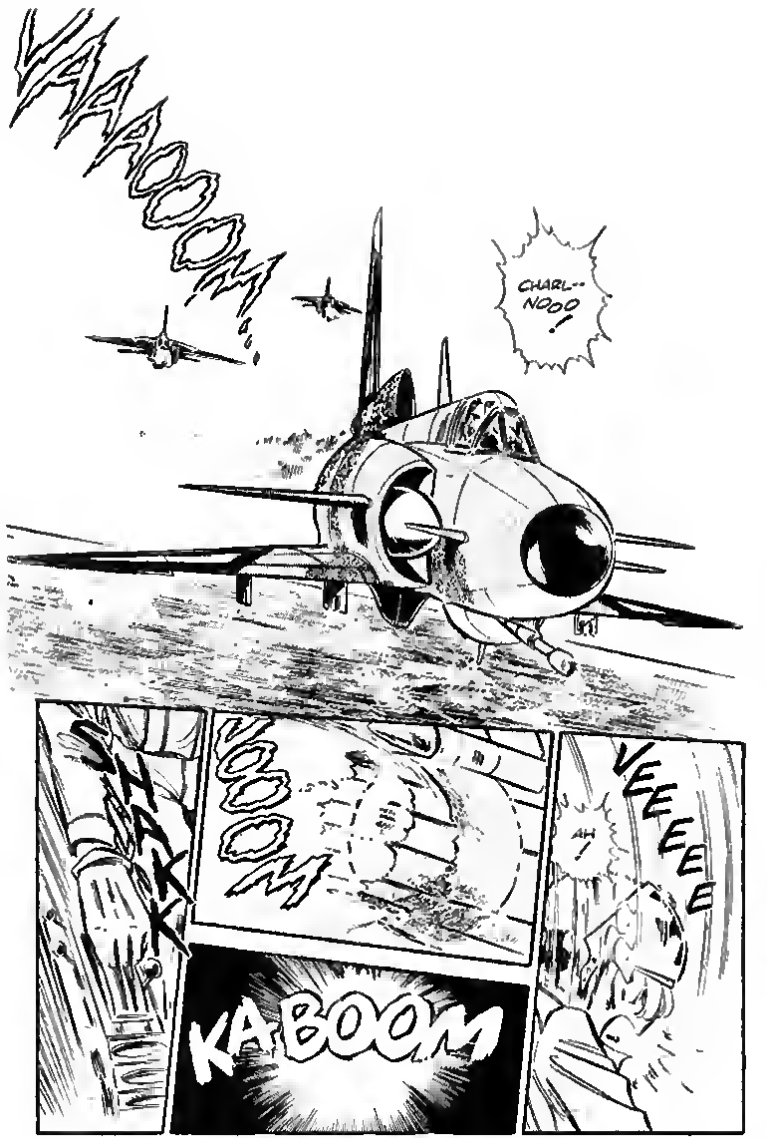
I'VE FORGOTTEN.
AH...


PING
THAT'S THE ENEMY.
heh, heh. THE REAR PART OF SHIN'S PLANE WAS DESTROYED, SO HIS REAR WARNING RADAR IS OUT OF COMMISSION...
ALL I HAVE TO DO IS SIT BACK AND LET THEM KILL HIM IT'LL LOOK LIKE AN OFFICIAL DEATH IN BATTLE..
SHIN, KEEP AN EYE ON THE GROUND! I'M WORRIED ABOUT THE SMALL ANTI-AIRCRAFT MISSILES THE FOOT SOLDIERS ARE CARRYING!
I'LL WATCH OUT ABOVE!
OKAY..

THEY'RE GETTING CLOSE.
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
..SO LONG, SHIN...
CHARLIE, HOW ARE THINGS ABOVE?
IT'S ALL RIGHT DOWN THERE
SKRROOM!
ZOOM!


VAAOOOM!
CHARL--
NOO!
STAK
VOOOM
KA-BOOM
VEEEEE
AH!

BASHOOM
WHAT?!.. SHOT DOWN ALREADY ?!
WAS HE REALLY THE NUMBER ONE ACE IN AREA 88?! HE'S NOT AS GOOD AS HE SAYS HE IS!
BUDDA
BUDDA
BUDDA
HUH?!
DANGEROUS! IF I'M TOO SLOW OR CARELESS I'LL BE SHOT DOWN MYSELF!

HOW ABOUT THIS ?!
VAROOOM
VEEEOO
BUDDA BUDDA BUDDA
NOW, LET'S GET THE HELL OUT OF HERE !
VOLLOOOO
VEEEOOOOM

WHERE ?!
WHAT ?! SHIN WAS SHOT DOWN ?!
I GUESS IT WAS NEAR POINT F10. I COULDN'T DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT.
I SEE
DAMN
VERY WELL YOU'LL HAVE TO FILE THE REPORT
PII-C
WE'LL MISS HIM A LOT.
REALLY

AHOOGA AHOOGA
PLANE ON FIRE APPROACHING! PLANE ON FIRE APPROACHING!
FIRE CREW, MOVE TO THE RUNWAY!
MICK AND HIS SECTION ARE COMING BACK
WEEOOH WEEOOH
WHAT WILL HE DO WHEN HE FINDS OUT THAT SHIN IS DEAD, ?
HUH ?!
BRUUUUUU
ONLY ONE PLANE?! THAT'S ODD. MICK'S SECTION SHOULDN'T HAVE SUFFERED THAT MANY CASUALTIES...
WHO IS THAT ?!
THAT'S SHIN!
SHIN?!

VEEUUUUUUUUU
KASHOOM
CLOSE... IT'S SO CLOSE...
HANG ON MY PLANE... I CAN'T DIE UP HERE.. HANG ON...!!
WHA BOOM
NO! IT BLEW UP!
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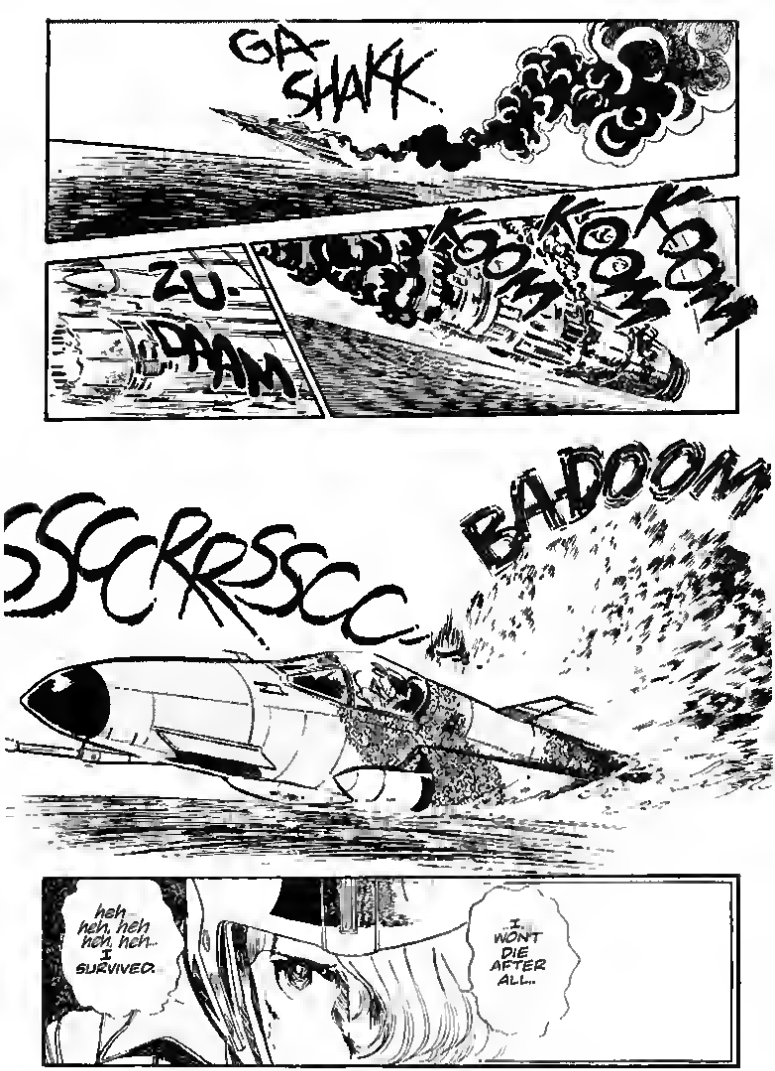


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